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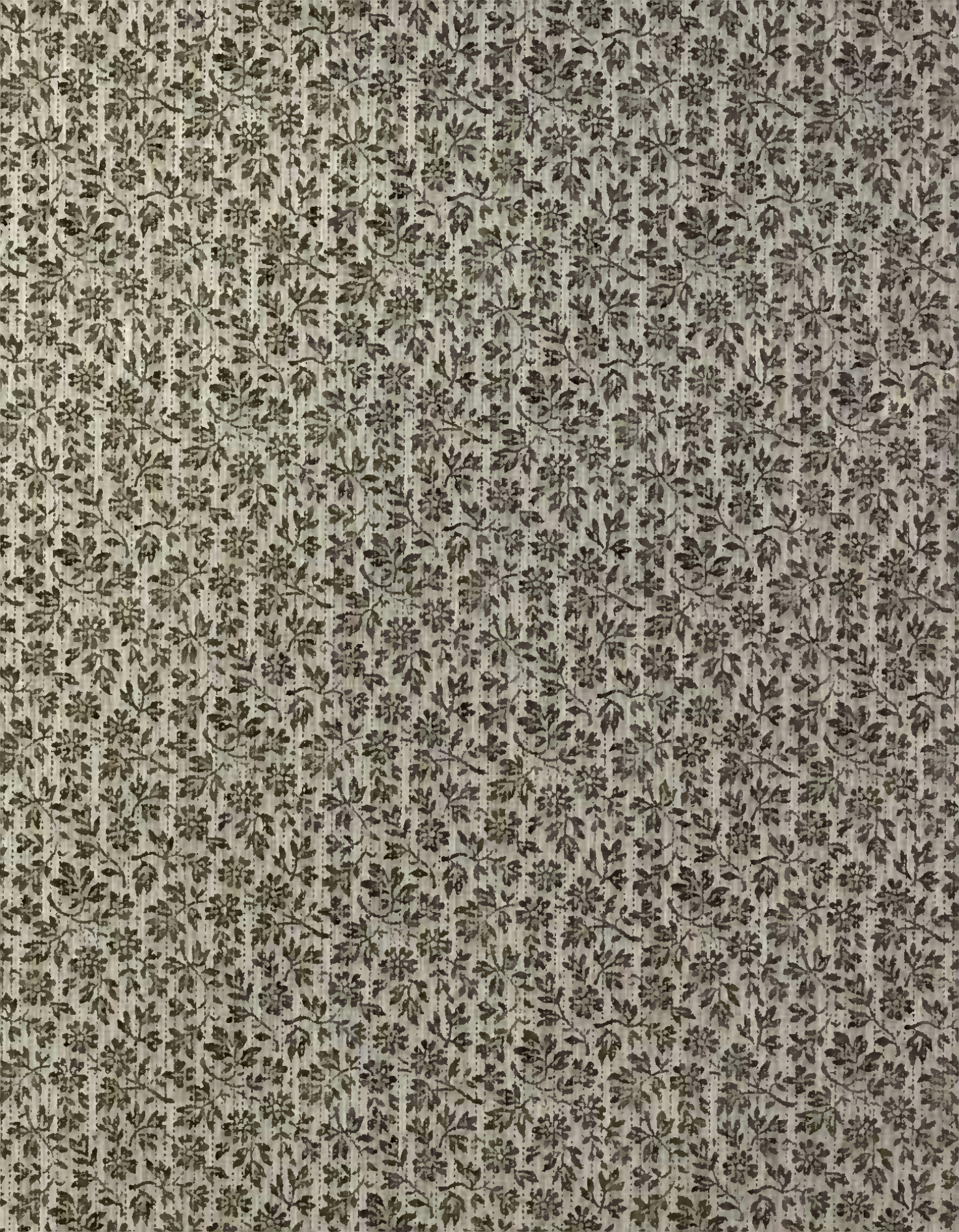

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AT

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THE NATIONAL GRANGE AT CONCORD, N. H.

THE NATIONAL GRANGE, Patrons of Husbandry, was organized in Washington, D. C., December 4, 1867, in the interests of agriculture, and to promote the material, social, and intellectual welfare of farmers and their families. Laboring under various disadvantages, but impelled by a resolute spirit and working for a noble object, the founders of the order, their associates, and successors moved forward, under varying conditions of adversity and prosperity, until at the present time the organization is the strongest and most substantial among all agricultural associations, numbering a membership of hundreds of thousands, commanding the respect of all classes of people, and universally recognized as a potent influence for good in the soical, industrial, and political life of our great republic.

NATIONAL GRANGE SESSIONS.

Twenty six sessions of the National Grange have been held. The first opened at Washington, April 19, 1869, William Saunders, Master, presiding. The second session was held in the same city, December 8, of the same year, when, on account of the inability of the Secretary to attend, an adjournment was made, subject to the call of the Master. At the third session, in Wash-

ington, January 25, 1870, the Secretary reported 49 subordinate granges and one state grange—that of Minnesota—organized. The fourth and fifth sessions were also held in Washington, the former January 4, 1871, and the latter January 3, 1872. The sixth session, held in Georgetown, D. C., January 3, 1873, was the first at which state representation was had, eleven states being represented by seventeen members. At this session the seven founders of the order turned over their entire work to the National Grange, and a complete reorganization was effected. Officers were elected for a term of three years, with Dudley W. Adams of Iowa, as Master. The seventh session opened at St. Louis, Mo., February 4, 1874, and thirty-two states and two territories were represented, New Hamp hire being represented for the first time, in the person of Dudley T. Chase, of Claremont, State Master, and Mrs. Chase. At this session the declaration of purposes was adopted. The eighth session opened at Charleston, S. C., February 3, 1875; ninth, Louisville, Ky., November 17, 1875; tenth, Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., November 15, 1876; eleventh, Cincinna i, O., November 21, 1877; twelfth, Richmond, Va., November 27, 1878; thirteenth, Canadaigua, N. Y., November 19, 1879; fourteenth, Washington, D. C., November 17, 1880; fifteenth, Washington, D. C., November 16, 1881; sixteenth, Indianapolis, Ind., November 15, 1882; seventeenth, Washington, D. C., November 21, 1883; eighteenth, Nashville, Tenn., November 12, 1884; nineteenth, Boston, Mass., November, 11, 1885; twentieth, Philadelphia, Pa., November 10,

1886; twenty-first, Lansing, Mich., November 16, 1887; twenty-second, Topeka, Kan., November 11, 1888; twenty-third, Sacramento, Cal., November 13, 1889; twenty-fourth, Atlanta, Ga., November 12, 1890; twenty-fifth, Springfield, O., November 11, 1891.

At the Springfield meeting, the place of holding the next or twenty-sixth session was left to the subsequent determination of the executive committee. But a single session, thus far, had ever been held within the limits of New England, though the membership of the Order had become relatively greater in this section than in any other part of the country, and New Hampshire had become the banner state of the Union in this regard. At the meeting of the New Hampshire State Grange in Manchester, Thursday, December 17, 1891, the following resolution, presented by C. C. Shaw of Milford, was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We, members of the New Hampshire State Grange, assembled in its eighteenth annual session, have learned that the National Grange at its last annual session voted to leave the subject of the place of holding its next annual meeting in the hands of its Executive Committee, and in view of the long and pleasant associations that have existed between the two Granges, and the steadfast moral and financial support that this Grange has rendered to the National Grange, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this State Grange, should they deem it advisable, be and are hereby authorized to invite the said National Grange to hold its next annual meeting in this state, and that said Executive Committee be further authorized to perfect such arrangements as may seem best calculated to render said meeting pleasant, profitable, and an honor to our Order.

A general interest in the matter was manifested at once, not only by the Patrons of the state, but by the general public, and the feeling was universal that no effort should be spared to secure for the Granite State the next annual session of so important a national body. Meanwhile an earnest rivalry immediately appeared between the two cities of Concord and Manchester, each desiring the location should it finally be determined to hold the session in New Hampshire, and the Concord Commercial Club and the Manchester Board of Trade, representing the business interests of the two cities, promptly directed their attention to the matter.

ACTION OF THE CONCORD COMMERCIAL CLUB.

At a meeting of the Concord Commercial Club, Geo. F. Page, President, held December 22, 1891, five days after the meeting of the State Grange, the subject was introduced, and a special committee of five members, consisting of Hon. Moses Humphrey, Hon. Stillman Humphrey, Arthur C. Sanborn, Austin F. Ranney, and George F. Page, was appointed to take the matter in charge.

At a subsequent meeting of the club, held January 26, 1892, it was voted that "the special committee appointed to extend to the National Grange an invitation to hold their next annual meeting in this city be instructed to make the invitation a very cordial one, tendering the hospitality of the club, including the offer of all necessary facilities for holding their daily

WHITE'S OPERA HOUSE.

meetings, and extending every reasonable and proper inducement, the expense attendant to be borne by voluntary subscriptions."

Meanwhile the committee acting in co-operation with the Master, N. J. Bachelder, and the Executive Committee of the State Grange, took such measures as seemed advisable to accomplish the object in view. The invitation was extended, and the inducements in favor of its acceptance duly presented.

The places competing for the location of the National Grange meeting were Springfield, Ill., Binghamton, N. Y., and Concord and Manchester, N. H. There was also a sentiment in some quarters in favor of Washington, D. C. The Executive Committee of the National Grange very properly called upon the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange to decide which of the two cities, Concord or Manchester, should be considered as the New Hampshire candidate, and the committee composed of N. J. Bachelder, chairman, D. W. Rugg, E. C. Hutchinson, *ex officio*, Charles McDaniel, secretary, and John M. Carr, voted unanimously in favor of Concord. Subsequently the following communication, announcing the settlement of the question of location, was received by State Master Bachelder and its substance communicated to the committee of the Commercial Club, and to the public:

PAW PAW, MICH., April 25, 1892.

N. J. BACHELDER, *Master of New Hampshire State Grange, P. of H.*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.: The following is a true copy of the order of the Executive Committee of the National Grange:

PAW PAW, MICH., April 20th, 1892.

The undersigned, acting for and by authority of the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry, do hereby select the city of Concord, New Hampshire, as the place for holding the next (twenty-sixth) session of the National Grange, which will commence on Wednesday, the 16th day of November, 1892, and the Executive Committee of the New Hampshire State Grange is hereby authorized to make all necessary arrangements for the same, in conformity with the proposition of said committee and the Master of the N. H. State Grange, now before us in writing.

LEONARD RHONE,
X. X. CHARTTERS,
J. J. WOODMAN,
J. H. BRIGHAM, *ex officio*,
} *Executive Committee of the National Grange of Patrons of Husbandry.*

J. J. WOODMAN, *Sec'y of Committee.*

At a meeting of the Concord Commercial Club, held May 10, 1892, it was voted "that the selection of subcommittees to make the necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the National Grange, and the choice of some person to canvass for subscriptions for the funds needed, be left with the special committee, with full power in the matter." The committee selected Henry H. Metcalf as canvassing agent for subscriptions, whose solicitations were generously responded to, nearly twelve hundred dollars being subscribed altogether, of which amount Capital Grange, No. 113, of Concord contributed $100, and Rumford Grange, East Concord, $26.25.

At a meeting of the special committee of the Commercial Club, on the evening of October 3, 1892, held at the office of the State Board of Agriculture, State Master Bachelder, H. H. Metcalf, and F. E. Brown,

General Passenger Agent of the Concord & Montreal Railroad, being present by invitation to co-operate with the committee, the following sub-committees were appointed:

Committee on Entertainment and Information with power to employ assistance—H. H. Metcalf.

Committee on Decorations—Arthur C. Sanborn, L. S. Richardson, James C. Norris, Ben C. White, W. A. Thompson.

Committee on Banquet—George F. Page, Charles C. Danforth, John M. Mitchell, E. N. Pearson, C. H. Amsden, Paul R. Holden, Charles E. Staniels.

Committee on Excursions—Frank E. Brown, D. C. Prescott, N. J. Bachelder, Albert B. Woodworth.

Committee on Reception—President of the Commercial Club, Mayor and Board of Aldermen and Ex-Mayors of the city.

Committee on Music—A. S. Ranney, N. J. Bachelder, John C. Linehan.

Committee on Halls—Stillman Humphrey.

Committee on Estimates—Moses Humphrey, N. J. Bachelder, and H. H. Metcalf.

It was voted to give the use of the club rooms in Opera House Block for headquarters for a Bureau of Entertainment and Information, and for reception purposes at the time of the National Grange Meeting.

The several sub-committees attended diligently to their work, meeting occasionally with the special committee for conference, and upon the opening of the third week in November everything was in readiness for the reception of the National Grange and the convenient prosecution of its work, so far as the efforts and obligations of the Commercial Club and the citizens of Concord were concerned. Representatives Hall

in the state house, the use of which had been freely tendered by the Governor and Council on behalf of the state government, was properly arranged for the business sessions of the Grange, and the front of the building was tastily decorated with the National colors. Elaborate decorations were also disylayed upon the front of White's Opera House, wherein the public session and the degree meetings were to be held, while the interior was also tastefully decorated. The Eagle Hotel, wherein the officers and members of the National Grange were to be quartered, was also handsomely adorned with flags and bunting, as were a large portion of the business blocks on Main Street and adjacent thereto in the central part of the city—while a large arch, erected at the foot of Pleasant Street near the railway station, was also gaily decorated, and bore the inscription—"Concord Greets the National Grange."

OPENING OF THE 26TH SESSION.

Officers and members began to arrive some time before the opening of the session, Hon. Aaron Jones of South Bend, Ind., Master of the Indiana State Grange, with Mrs. Jones and daughter being first on the ground, and Secretary John Trimble of Washington, D. C., the next, with frequent succeeding arrivals, all being cordially greeted by representative citizens and Patrons, till the opening of the session in Representatives Hall, at 11 o'clock, Wednesday A. M., November 16, with the Worthy Master, Col. J. H. Brigham of

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Ohio, presiding. There was a good attendance, which was increased by arrivals during the day and the morning subsequent, and included altogether the following :

OFFICERS.

Master, J. H. Brigham, Ohio.
Lecturer, Mortimer Whitehead, New Jersey.
Steward, Ava E. Page, Missouri.
Assistant Steward, O. E. Hall, Nebraska.
Chaplain, Charles McDaniel, New Hampshire.
Treasurer, F. M. McDowell, New York.
Secretary, John Trimble, Washington, D. C.
Pomona, Mrs. E. Bowen, Connecticut.
Flora, Mrs. E. P. Wilson, Mississippi.
Lady Assistant Steward, Mrs. Laura C. Douglass, Massachusetts.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Leonard Rhone, Pennsylvania, chairman: J. J. Woodman, Michigan, secretary: X. X. Chartters, Virginia; J. H. Brigham, *ex officio*.

Mrs. Brigham of Ohio, Ceres, was absent on account of illness, and her chair was filled by Mrs. Rhone of Pennsylvania. L. F. Batchelder of Tilton, N. H., occupied the post of Gatekeeper in the absence of W. N. Nelson of Tennessee.

STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

[Masters of State Granges and their wives.]

Connecticut—G. A. Bowen and Mrs. Bowen, Woodstock.
California—E. W. Davis and Mrs. Davis, Santa Rosa.
Colorado—E. W. Working and Mrs. Working, Denver.
Delaware—John C. Higgins, Delaware City.
Illinois—J. M. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Joliet.
Indiana—Aaron Jones and Mrs. Jones, South Bend.
Iowa—J. E. Blackford, Algona.
Kansas—A. P. Reardon and Mrs. Reardon, McLouth.
Kentucky—J. D. Clardy and Mrs. Clardy, Newstead.
Massachusetts—Elmer D. Howe and Mrs. Howe, Marlboro.
Mississippi—S. L. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, Okoloma.

Missouri—Ava E. Page and Mrs. Page, Appleton City.
Maine—M. B. Hunt and Mrs. Hunt, Belmont.
Michigan—Thomas Mars and Mrs. Mars, Berrien City.
Nebraska—O. E. Hall and Mrs. Hall, Pawnee City.
New Hampshire—N. J. Bachelder and Mrs. Bachelder, East Andover.
New Jersey—John Statesir, Colts Neck.
New York—W. C. Gifford and Mrs. Gifford, Jamestown.
North Carolina—W. R. Williams, Falkland.
Ohio—S. H. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis, Springboro.
Oregon—R. P. Boise, Salem.
Pennsylvania—Leonard Rhone and Mrs. Rhone, Centre Hall.
Rhode Island—A. M. Belcher and Mrs. Belcher, Arnold's Mills.
Texas—John B. Long and Mrs. Long, Rusk.
Vermont—Alpha Messer and Mrs. Messer, Rochester.
Virginia — X. X. Chartters and Mrs. Chartters, Fredericksburg.
Washington—D. L. Russell and Mrs. Russell, Vancouver.
West Virginia—C. H. Knott and Mrs. Knott, Molers.

Alabama, Georgia, Minnesota, Maryland, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wisconsin State Granges, from sickness and other unavoidable reasons, were unrepresented.

Many visiting Patrons were in attendance from abroad, including very large delegations from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, with many from Maine and Vermont, and some from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and other states, and, although a severe rain storm prevailed nearly the entire week, greatly to the regret and disappointment of all concerned, there were a large number of New Hampshire Patrons present during the more important days of the session, which continued through the week, and until Friday evening following, November 25.

Occasions of particular interest in connection with the session were the public meeting, the Sixth and Seventh Degree meetings; the excursion through the Crawford Notch, White Mountains; the banquet and reception complimentary to the National Grange by the Concord Commercial Club; the trip to Manchester and visit to the mills in that city, and the conferring of the third and fourth degrees of the order before the National Grange in Phenix Hall, by Capital Grange, No. 113, of Concord, upon invitation of the State Grange.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

The public meeting, or open session, in White's Opera House, opening at 2 P. M., on Thursday, was attended by an audience which filled the spacious hall and balcony to its utmost capacity, while many went away because of inability to get within hearing distance of the stage. Many of the most distinguished citizens of Concord and of New Hampshire were present, and the exercises continued from two o'clock until half past five without the slightest relaxation of interest. National Master Brigham presided, and the order was as follows: Music by Blaisdell's orchestra; address of welcome on behalf of New Hampshire State Grange, N. J. Bachelder, Master; response, Hon. S. L. Wilson of Mississippi; welcome on behalf of the state, Governor Hiram A. Tuttle; response, National Master Brigham; original song, written by Mrs. H. A. Hill of Derry, by Grange choir; welcome to the city, Mayor

H. W. Clapp; response, by Mortimer Whitehead of New Jersey, lecturer of the National Grange; welcome to New England, Past Master James Draper of Massachusetts; response, S. H. Ellis of Ohio; song, "Hurrah for New England," choir; address by Senator W. E. Chandler; response by Judge R. P. Boise of Oregon; address by Ex-Governor D. H. Goodell of Antrim; response by J. C. Higgins of Delaware; music by orchestra; address by Hon. Warren F. Daniell of Franklin, Congressman from Second New Hampshire District; response by Hon. John B. Long of Texas; singing, "America," by the audience.

DEGREE MEETINGS.

On Thursday evening, in the Opera House, and on Friday at 1 P. M., the sixth degree of the order was impressively conferred upon two classes, numbering together upwards of seven hundred, while at 4 and 8 P. M. on Friday two classes received the seventh and highest degree of the order whose combined numbers were 1,441, being by far the largest number ever inducted into the mysteries and clothed with the solemn obligations of this degree, at any session of the National Grange, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the rain fell in blinding sheets nearly all the day and evening.

On Friday morning, in acceptance of the invitation of Hon. William E. Chandler, the members of the Grange inspected the fine new printing establishment of the Republican Press Association.

VIEW OF MAIN STREET FROM THE SOUTH.

While the degree work was in progress in the Opera House, Friday P. M., an open meeting was held in Phenix Hall, at which S. H. Ellis, Master of the Ohio State Grange, presided, and brief addresses were made by Messrs. Jones of Indiana, Clardy of Kentucky, Hale of Connecticut, Williams of North Carolina, Mars of Michigan, Gifford of New York, Reardon of Kansas, Long of Texas, Knott of West Virginia, Lyman of New Hampshire, and others.

THE WHITE MOUNTAIN EXCURSION.

Saturday, November 19, had been set apart for an excursion to the White Mountains and through the Crawford Notch, arranged by the Commercial Club, whose invitation was unanimously accepted by the Grange, and no little anxiety as to the state of the weather had been manifested throughout the week. But the furious storm which had been prevailing ceased at midnight, Friday night; the morning broke clear and beautiful, and one of the most delightful days of late autumn followed. Shortly after seven o'clock the special train provided for the occasion by the Concord & Montreal R. R., steamed out of the station for the northward, with nearly every member of the National Grange, in attendance, aboard, accompanied by prominent officers and members of the State Grange, visiting Patrons from many states, and citizens generally, to the number of about three hundred, altogether, escorted by a committee designated by the Commercial Club, under the chairmanship of Hon. Moses Humphrey.

Many of those on board the train were on their first visit to New Hampshire, and others still had never seen the mountain region of the state, and it was specially fortunate that, considering the lateness of the season, the day was so favorable for observation. The atmosphere was particularly clear. As the train sped along the different points of interest were pointed out to the visitors, the Grange State Fair Grounds at Tilton first coming in for general observation. Lakes Winnesquam and Winnepiseogee appeared to excellent advantage, and the grand mountain ranges of Carroll county were clearly outlined beyond the latter. The camp grounds and cottages at Weirs were noted, the beauty of the Pemigewassett and Baker River valley enjoyed, the grand form of Mt. Moosilauke and the broad meadows of the Connecticut at Haverhill and Newbury, contemplated with pleasure; but it was not till the detour to the right was made at Woodsville, and the excursion took its way up the valley of the dashing Ammonoosuc, past Lisbon and Littleton, into the very heart of the mountain region, that the deep springs of wonder and admiration in the hearts of the visitors were fully moved.

A caterer had been provided and a generous lunch was served previous to the arrival at Fabyan's, at which point a short stop was made for a fair look at the mountains in all their grandeur. The presidential range was slightly capped, but, fortunately, at this very time the fleecy cloud which obscured the summit of Mt. Washington parted, fairly disclosing the hoary

CRAWFORD NOTCH, FROM ELEPHANT'S HEAD.

head of the mountain monarch, and leaving the hotel at the summit plainly in view. Resuming the cars the journey was continued and the train moved slowly on down through that grandest of our eastern mountain passes—the Crawford Notch—the objective point of the journey, Upper Bartlett, being reached about 2 P. M. and the return journey commenced about half an hour later.

The mountain forests were relieved of their foliage, and the rocky formations stood out in more striking relief than is the case at earlier periods in the season. There was more of grandeur, and a different type of beauty was presented. The heavy rains had swollen the mountain streams and they fell over the steep ledges in foaming cascades at numberless points on either side, appearing as lines of silver in the distance while the towering mountain masses awakened various sensations in the minds of the observers. Some who had passed through the canons of the Rockies declared that they had seen nothing grander or more striking in nature than was here presented, while it was generally conceded that this trip through the heart of the White Mountains was alone worth the journey to New Hampshire, even from the most distant state. The return trip was mainly devoted to sociability, and the time passed most pleasantly until the arrival home, shortly after seven P. M.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

At a number of churches in town, reference was had in the service, Sunday morning, in one way or another,

to the occasion of the National Grange meeting, the attention of the several pastors having been called to the matter by the Commercial Club committee, and the visiting Patrons very generally attended, many seeking churches of the particular denomination with which they were allied, but nearly all the National Grange members being present at the Universalist Church where the pastor, Rev. T. W. Illman, preached an eloquent and forceful sermon upon the "Significance of the Grange," which was so greatly admired that the Executive Committee secured the manuscript and ordered 1,000 copies printed in pamphlet form for the benefit of members and general distribution.

On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, in Representatives Hall, the Grange held impressive memorial services in honor of the members who had died during the year past—viz.: William M. Ireland, one of the seven founders of the order, and William G. Wayne, past master of the New York State Grange, the same being open to the public, and attended by many interested visitors outside the membership of the order.

THE COMPLIMENTARY BANQUET.

On Monday evening, November 21, at eight o'clock occurred the banquet and reception in honor of the National Grange, tendered by the Commercial Club at the Eagle Hotel. Music was furnished by Blaisdell's orchestra, H. G. Blaisdell, director. Col. C. C. Danforth, chairman of the banquet committee, was master of ceremonies. Harley B. Roby, the newly elected

president of the Commercial Club, presided, Rev. T. W. Illman was chaplain, and Col. John C. Linehan officiated as toastmaster. Many distinguished citizens, including Governor Tuttle accompanied by Mrs Tuttle, were present, and at half past eight, after the usual exchange of courtesies and greetings, the march was led to the dining hall by President Roby and wife, followed by the governor, National Master Brigham, the speakers of the evening, members of the National Grange and Commercial Club, and guests, to the number of about 150 persons altogether. The tables were finely arranged and decorated, and the menu, as designated upon neat and novel cards making a handsome souvenir of the occasion, was thoroughly creditable to Manager Pelren, as testified by the interested attention paid to the same by the company, for an hour or more, after which the feast of reason and flow of wit was in order.

President Roby called to order, and, after an appropriate address of welcome, introduced Col. Linehan as toastmaster and under his happy and inimitable direction the balance of the evening's program was carried out, as follows, all the responses being most felicitous and holding the undivided attention of those present:

"The State of New Hampshire." Responded to by Governor Hiram A. Tuttle.

"The National Grange," Col J. H. Brigham of Ohio, Master.

"New Hampshire as a Summer Home," Hon. N. B. Bryant, East Andover.

"Woman's Work in the Grange," Mrs. M. H. Woodman of Michigan.

"Education," Hon. J. W. Patterson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

"The Farmer in Congress," Hon. John B. Long of Texas.

"The Young Man of the Day," Hon. Moses Humphrey, Chairman State Board of Agriculture.

Poem—"The Granger Boy," Rev. S. C. Keeler, Concord.

"The Relation of the Grange to Other Industries," Hon. Aaron Jones of Indiana.

"The New Hampshire State Grange," E. J. Burnham of Manchester, Lecturer.

"Politics of the Grange," Hon. E. W. Davis of California.

"The Pioneers of the Grange in New Hampshire," Hon. John D. Lyman of Exeter, first master of Gilman Grange, No. 1.

"A Voice from the Nutmeg State," Mrs. George Austin Bowen of Connecticut.

"The Concord Commercial Club," Ex-President and Chairman of the Special Committee, George F. Page.

The speaking concluded shortly after midnight, and a notable evening in the history of the Commercial Club and of the National Grange was pleasantly ended.

EXCURSION TO MANCHESTER.

Again, Tuesday afternoon, the Grange accepted the hospitality of the Commercial Club, in an excursion to Manchester, to inspect some of the great mills of that city, which was also a new experience with many of the members, who had never before been inside a cotton factory. Going down at two o'clock the delegation which, including Patrons and accompanying citizens, numbered about 150, were met at the Manchester station by a committee from the Manchester Board of Trade and Amoskeag Grange, headed by Secretary H. W. Eastman of the former and Master E. J. Burnham of the latter, and, by courteous permission of the man-

agers, escorted through some of the larger mills of the Amoskeag and Manchester corporations, the first important point of interest being the monster new West Side gingham mill of the Amoskeag, the largest cotton factory in America, which was inspected from the basement to the roof, while in full operation, and from the latter, which by the way is three acres in extent, a fine view of the city was obtained. The different processes of manufacture were witnessed in the Manchester mills, and a visit to the Print Works concluded the tour of inspection in time to return to Concord at 5 : 40.

At eight o'clock that evening the members of the National Grange and many visiting Patrons witnessed the work of the third and fourth degrees of the order at the hands of Capital Grange, in Phenix Hall, the same being admirably done, a brief entertainment following.

The business sessions of the Grange continued through the week, until Friday night, various questions of importance being discussed and acted upon, except that the forenoon session on Thursday—Thanksgiving Day—was omitted, the members largely attending the Union service at the Universalist Church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. C. B. Crane, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church.

CLOSE OF THE SESSION.

As the final session was nearing its close, Friday evening, all business having been completed, Worthy Master Brigham expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with the meeting and its outcome, and especially with the generous hospitality and kind attention be-

stowed by the Commercial Club and the Concord public, and all with whom they had been brought into relationship during their sojourn in New Hampshire, and concluded by calling upon a representative of Capital Grange, and presenting through him, to that organization, the beautiful rosewood gavel which he had used during the session After the brief words in acceptance of this token, Master N. J. Bachelder, on behalf of the New Hampshire State Grange, expressed his thanks and those of the order in the state for the pleasure and honor accorded and experienced in this visit of the National Grange to New Hampshire, and bade all the members a God speed on their homeward journey. Various members of the National Grange were briefly heard in expression of their individual satisfaction with the session and all its pleasurable incidents, and at half past ten o'clock the twenty-sixth session of the National Grange, holden in Concord, New Hampshire, was declared adjourned, and passed into history.

On the morning of the day following,—another clear and beautiful Saturday in November—the members of the Grange remaining, a portion having already taken their departure, bade adieu to the many friends they had made in Concord, and started on their return journey to their various homes in the different states of the Union, from the Atlantic seaboard to the "Golden Gate," bearing, as is confidently hoped, pleasant thoughts of New Hampshire, of her beautiful capital city, and of its people, who will remember with pleasure for years their visit and sojourn here.

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